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RIVES BRIEFS BOARD

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University President Dr. Stan Rives presented Eastern's new Minority Admissions Program as an information item at the Thursday (Feb. 23) meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at University Park.

The Board is the governing body for Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, Governors State, Chicago State and Northeastern universities.

Rives said Eastern is establishing a Minority Admissions Program as a voluntary affirmative action program toward maintaining cultural diversity on campus.

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"Maintaining a culturally diverse student body, including adequate representation of minority students in the total study body, is an educational and affirmative action goal of the University.

"The University's ultimate goal is to have minority students represented in the study body in the same proportion as their representation in the population of the State of Illinois," Rives said.

The Minority Admissions Program (MAP), with the consent of the Board, will go into effect Fall Semester, 1990.

Admission to the program is considered for beginning freshmen for the Fall Semester of each academic year. Minority transfer students are required to meet regular transfer admission requirements but may be admitted subsequent to announced cut-off dates for transfer student admission.

Students admitted to the program are provided designated program academic advisors; assessment of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics; placement in specified courses; and programs selected to address special needs or deficiencies identified by assessment.

Continued enrollment in the program requires that a student be enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester.

General guidelines for the program are established by a MAP Advisory Committee composed of the Coordinator of Minority Affairs (Chair), Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Academic Development, Director of Admissions and a faculty member appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Rives, the four other university presidents and board members also participated in a one-hour teleconference with U.S. Rep. Terry Bruce and five other congressmen. The congressmen participated from the U.S. Senate studios and discussed ways that a more effective Federal Relations program with the universities can be put into effect.

As an additional information item, Rives also briefed the Board on the agreement between the University and the City of Charleston which will help the City gain two badly needed "feeder" streets and give Eastern an additional parking area. Formal Board approval will be requested at a later date.

The Board also approved several purchase items presented by Rives, including \$94,350 to furnish materials and labor for replacement of the stage lighting control and distribution system in the University Theatre and Studio Theatre, except for some work to be performed by University personnel.

According to Rives, the existing equipment is obsolete. The University Theatre equipment was installed in 1958 and the Studio Theatre equipment was installed in 1964.

The theatres are used for performances by University groups and for instructional purposes. They are used extensively for summer camps, workshops, Community Theatre, English Department Playwriters' Class, music jazz workshops, Women's Conference and are expected to be used even more after the new equipment is installed.

The recommended vendor was Victor Duncan, Inc. of Chicago.